

Knowledge about Europe

- ❑ Europe is made up of **44 countries**. Some of these include: the United Kingdom, Ireland, Spain, Portugal, Italy, France, Germany, Greece, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Poland.
- ❑ Countries in Southern Europe will have a **milder climate** to Northern Europe as they are closer to the **Equator**.
- ❑ There are many seas that surround Europe. These include: the Mediterranean, the Black, the Baltic, the North, the Celtic, the Alboran, the Norwegian, and the White Sea.
- ❑ All countries in Europe are in the **Northern Hemisphere**. Most countries in Europe have a **temperate climate** because they lie between the Arctic Circle and Tropic of Cancer.
- ❑ Europe is one of **7 continents** and is bordered by the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans.
- ❑ There are 5 main oceans. These are the Atlantic Ocean, the Arctic Ocean, the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean, the Southern Ocean.

Subject-Specific Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Tier 1	
❑ Continent	A large area of land usually made up of a group of countries.
❑ Ocean	A very large stretch of sea. In particular, the areas where the seas are divided geographically.
❑ Capital city	The city that functions as the seat of government of a country or region.
Tier 2	
❑ Climate	The weather conditions typical of an area in general over a certain period.
❑ Hemisphere	A half of the Earth usually divided into Northern and Southern halves by the Equator .
❑ Tourism	Commercial organisation of holidays and visits to places of interest.
❑ Equator	An imaginary line which divides the planet into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres . It is half way between the North and South Poles.
❑ Tropic of Cancer	The area from the Equator, which circles the Earth, to the invisible line 23° north of the Equator .
❑ Tropic of Capricorn	The Tropic of Capricorn is latitude 23°27' S and marks the southern edge from the Equator .
❑ Latitude	A measure of distance north or south of the Equator. Latitude lines run east and west parallel to the Equator.
❑ Longitude	A measure of distance east or west of the prime meridian. Longitude lines, also know as meridians, run from the north pole to the South Pole.
Tier 3	
❑ Temperate	A climate which occurs in the middle latitudes. Temperate climates are characterised by their milder temperatures.

Year 4 Countries of the World and Europe!



Reading Texts

The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman.

Links

Year 2 – Comparing London to a region in India

Year 3 – Rivers

Year 6 - Trade around the World

Fieldwork

Children will use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) to describe the location of features on a map independently.